Daily Glacier Access Update

Monday, March 23, 2020

Franz Josef Glacier Valley
Franz Josef Glacier Access Road: Open, but caution required due to roadworks
Viewpoint: 2000m from the terminal face
Walking Time: 30 minutes return
Track conditions in the valley today: Good

Fox Glacier South Side Walk
Viewpoint: CLOSED
Walking time: N/A
Track conditions today: CLOSED due to windfall

Note: Heed all warning signs and never cross barriers.

These hazards are always present in the glacier valleys:

- Flooding: Rain can cause streams to rise rapidly with little warning. Sudden flooding can drown you or strand you in the riverbed. Stay on the track.
- River surge: Ice dams may suddenly release large amounts of water. Sudden river surge can drown you. Do not go beyond the barrier.
- Ice fall: Ice blocks larger than a campervan fall from the glacier daily. Ice fall can seriously injure or kill you. Do not go beyond the barrier.
- Rock fall: Rocks fall from the glacier and valley walls daily. Even small rocks can seriously injure or kill you. Stay on the track.